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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EC STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST
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1. MINISTER SPIERS DISCUSSED EC STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST MORNING OF JANUARY 30 WITH FCO POLITICAL DIRECTOR REG HIBBERT, IN ABSENCE OF OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS. HIBBERT SAID BRITISH HAD RECEIVED A FULL REPORT FROM RAMSBOTHAM ON HIS JANUARY 29 MEETING WITH HABIB AND ALREADY TAKEN STEPS, AS EC PRESIDENT, TO CIRCULATE A FULL AND FAITHFUL RECORD OF MEETING.
2. THE PROPOSED STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE DISCUSSED BY EC FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 31, MONDAY. THE BRITISH POSITION ON THE PROPOSED EC STATEMENT WILL NOT BE SET UNTIL 1130 HRS MONDAY MORNING WHEN FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND MEETS WITH HIS SENIOR ADVISORS TO DECIDE UK POLICY.
3. WE PLAN TO TALK TO BRITISH AGAIN AT 1000 HRS MONDAY MORNING REGARDING ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THAT MAY OCCUR. BRITISH WILL DEBRIEF US AFTER MONDAY EC MEETING.

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